

## INAUGURATION TASK IS AHEAD OF TIME

Preparations Further Advanced Than Ever Before.

### DISTRIBUTION OF FLAGS

Souvenirs and Badges Ready to Be Given Out to Committees—Street Cleaning Satisfactory.

One week from today and President Roosevelt will be enjoying the first day of his new term as President of the United States.

Half the great crowd which will flock the streets of the National Capital the day before will have left the city, or will be leaving. When the concert is over Monday night there will be little to remind the Washingtonian that there has been an inauguration ceremony, beyond the stands and other temporary buildings, which will be torn down as rapidly as they went up.

#### Work Nearly Finished.

The inaugural committee has practically completed its work. Only the minor details remain to be attended to. They are in the hands of the various subcommittees. The stands along the line of march are almost ready for occupation, and the work of decorating the Pension Office is well under way.

General Wilson paid his first visit to the Pension Office yesterday afternoon, and came away greatly pleased with the progress of the work. He says he is highly satisfied with what is being done, and feels confident everything will be ready a day or two before March 4.

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It was said today by one who has been actively connected with three or four inaugurations that the work now is three or four days ahead of what it was in 1901.

The chairman of the committee on street decorations has written a letter to every pastor in Washington, requesting that in their sermons tomorrow they urge their members to display an American flag from their residence on March 4. The great desire of the committee is to have a flag displayed from every house in Washington, if possible.

Beginning tomorrow at noon, Chairman Owen will begin the work of distributing the flags which he has. There are enough flags for every property owner along the line of march it has been announced. It was decided some time ago not to distribute flags to any persons not on the line of march.

The flags are of three kinds, eight, twenty, and thirty-six feet long, respectively. Bonds will be taken from every person who borrows a flag, the bonds not to be less than \$100.

Souvenirs and Badges. The committee on souvenirs and badges met at the headquarters yesterday afternoon, and will be in session again tomorrow. The chairman of the committee, who in turn will be in charge of the hands of their assistants.

The committee on badges and there will be no mistake in them when seen on the streets. They were engraved at the Bureau of Printing and Engraving, and the work is well advanced.

Good Job of Street Cleaning. The work of cleaning the streets along the line of march has caused a great deal of favorable comment. From Capitol to White House the Avenue presents a surface as good as you will find on any other day. Commissioner West does not propose to allow it to be any other way.

Chairman Weller, of the committee on public comfort, yesterday stopped the registration of any more boarding houses. He now has a list of several hundred places where rooms and board can be secured. These places will be kept in the various stations of the committee, so that visitors can make their own selections.

### Plans of the Railroads To Handle Baggage

Preparations have been made at both local railroad stations for the enormous influx of baggage this week. The plans of baggage handlers have been more than troubled both at the Baltimore and Ohio depot and at the Pennsylvania station.

At the latter station only through baggage will be handled from March 1 to March 4, all incoming trunks, etc., being sent to the freight shed at North Street and Maryland Avenue. At the Baltimore station, the rule at the Baltimore and Ohio, through baggage being transferred at the New York and Florida Avenue junction and the baggage intended for Washington coming into the New Jersey Avenue station.

### FINE NEEDLEWORK EXHIBIT AT THE KANN STORES

Without a doubt Washington has more needlewomen than any city of its size in the country, but never till now has opportunity been afforded to cut their finest productions in display. This innovation, for it is truly a novelty, is announced by S. Kann, Sons & Co. in which they style "The First Annual Competitive Exhibition of Art Embroidery and Fine Needlework."

The exhibition is to be held on the fifth floor of the Kann stores, opening tomorrow night and continuing until March 7. Fifteen cash prizes are offered, in addition to thirty-six honorable mentions for those whose productions meet with the favor of the judges.

Nearly 700 pieces were received at the store up to last night, and all have been most artistically arranged in specially prepared rooms. The firm has extended a general invitation to lovers of fine needlework to visit the exhibition and place guesses as to the winning pieces.

## Knights of Columbus Would Display Banner

West Points to Former Disapproval, Macfarland Consents, and Biddle Likely to Give Vote That Will Allow It.

The Knights of Columbus created a little diversion in the monotony of District business yesterday when their application for permission to hang a white banner across the street in front of their hall was passed from Commissioner to Commissioner for recommendation.

The Knights anticipate a large attendance of members from out of the city during inauguration and wish to have the location of their hall well marked.

They propose to inscribe on the banner the words "K. of C. Hall." It is desired to keep the banner aloft from March 1 to March 5 inclusive.

Major Sylvester first approved the application with the recommendation that the lower edge of the banner be at least twenty-five feet above the street.

Commissioner West then recalled his determined opposition to the Y. M. C. A. banner last autumn by the following indorsement:

"In view of the position heretofore taken by me upon similar requests, in which I have set forth my opinion that banners should not be stretched across the public thoroughfares, this application is respectfully transmitted to the Commissioners."

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## VAUDEVILLE UNPOPULAR NOW IN HYATTSVILLE

Manager of Barn-Storming Troupe Takes Money of the Innocent Suburbanites and Leaves Town Without Giving the Show.

Hyattsville awoke this morning with a great deal of pessimism for such a cheerful village as the Maryland settlement usually is.

Patrons of dramatic art in Hyattsville last night received a cruel blow to their faith in the theatrical profession from which they will not soon recover. They have decided that the Theater trust, whatever else it may control, does not have a monopoly of all the "bad" shows on the road.

There is one independent manager somewhere on the road—the people of Hyattsville do not know just where—which scored a wonderful success last evening without any play at all.

An Alluring Title. "Chow Chow" was the title of a performance to have been given in the Masonic Temple. The billboards advertised it for days in advance. It was to be vaudeville—polite vaudeville. There was to be a remarkably small price of admission, said the management. It was positively to be the chief attraction of the winter in Hyattsville.

The name itself was alluring in its possibilities. It conjured up in the mind of the expectant Hyattsville a grand, glowing, glorious aggregation of talent arrayed in the gorgeous costumes of the land of the chrysanthemum.

The night came. The crowd came. The temporary temple of the muse of the drama was brilliantly lighted. With gleeful anticipation the people fought for a chance to see their money at the man in the little window in the hall. The seating capacity of the house was exhausted, and the hallway was filled. So was the manager's purse.

That peculiar stillness and electric thrill which sweeps over an audience for a brief instant just before the rise of the curtain, whether the performance be in New York or Hyattsville, was felt in the auditorium. But the curtain failed to move. The crowd lost its thrill. Somebody thought of suggesting to the management that it was time to begin. Just then some of the vaudeville players themselves stepped to the footlights and informed the audience that they, too, were looking for the management.

Had "Flown the Coop." Everybody took a hand in the hunt. But the trio of managers had "flown the coop." With Hyattsville money in their pockets and a desire to be elsewhere in their hearts they decamped quietly and unobtrusively, stealing away into the darkness of the night, just as the last patron of vaudeville to arrive was settling himself comfortably in the back row.

There were no rain checks, no refund, no announcement of regrets for the audience. There were no farewell words. Vaudeville shows are cautioned never to book at Hyattsville.

It is believed that about \$10 was procured from the box office and \$5 from the bar. The money was reserved seats were advertised and sold two weeks ago. This makes a total of \$15. The actors have been dubbed "thieves" by the residents of Hyattsville, and Captain Boardman last night received a request assist in the apprehension of the pseudo thespians who were not a "polite."

Only a meager description was to had and it is exceedingly doubtful if capture will be effected.

Speaking of chess and making a comparison with the game of life, the speaker said, "Well, yes," said the major, seeming suddenly to recover his wits, "and this little flurly we had here seems to bear that comparison out. For there (pointing to the rapidly vanishing bevy of young girls up the street), go the 'queens.'"

Covering up the mud in Pennsylvania Avenue. "Yes," remarked the contractor in charge of the gang of toiling laborers, "we are going to fill it up and asphalt it."

The speaker was referring to the strip of mud on Pennsylvania Avenue, which has made a bridge necessary for the safe crossing of the famous thoroughfare since the sewer pipes were laid. Complaints had no effect, but the District Commissioners took up the question, on a suggestion from the White House. It is said, two days ago, and yesterday the contractors got busy with their workmen. It is said the whole ditch will have disappeared from sight by Tuesday next.

Washington now plays part of Gretchen Green. The man in charge of the book of marriage licenses at the City Hall is doing a rushing business. The inauguration seems to be bringing young men and women from all parts of the country to Washington, and once here they decide to see the parade in double harness.

"We are getting them from all over," said the clerk, "and they are breaking the records. This morning there was a couple from Buffalo so anxious to get married that the young woman and her father got one license and without knowing it the bridegroom got another."

Cities from all States east of the Mississippi River are represented in the rush.

Marine Band will give usual concert. The Marine Band, under the leadership of Lieut. William H. Santelmau, will give the usual Monday afternoon concert tomorrow, at the Navy Yard, beginning at 2 o'clock. Following is the program:

March, "National Fencibles"..... Sousa  
Overture, "Semiramide"..... Rossini  
Ballet music, "Egyptian"..... Lullig  
1. Allegro non troppo; 2. Allegretto; 3. Andante sostenuto; 4. Andante  
expressivo, at Allegro non troppo.  
Waltz, "Nordseelieder"..... Strauss  
Selection, "Babette"..... Herbert  
Humoristic Fantasia on "Kutschke's Polka"..... Stasny  
Grand March, "Tannhauser"..... Wagner

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## WORK FOR RELIGIOUS TRAINING IN SCHOOLS

Prominent Clergymen and Educators Meeting Held Week.

The religious training in our public schools was the keynote of the meeting held at the Breckinridge Hotel yesterday afternoon. The committee appointed to further the objects of the great interdenominational meeting held at the New Willard Hotel last Monday.

The committee consisted of fifteen prominent men of all denominations, with Merrill E. Gates, former president of Amherst College, as chairman; the other members of the committee are the Rev. Wallace Radcliffe, the Rev. Dr. James E. Gilbert, Bishop Earl Cranston, Dr. Charles W. Woodham, the Rev. Fred D. Power, the Hon. Wayne MacVeagh, the Rev. J. G. Butler, Dr. Edward Everett Hale, John Joy Edson, Rabbi Louis Stern, Bishop Henry V. Satterlee, W. W. Prescott, Monsignor O'Connell, and the Rev. Randolph McKim.

For two hours and a half the matter of religious education in the schools was discussed, almost every member of the committee making speeches and offering suggestions. It was contended that there is a great lack of religious education in the public schools throughout the country. Years ago, devoted to Latin, Greek, mathematics, and other studies, and little or no attention is paid to the cultivation of the religious instincts.

Several plans were discussed, but no definite action was taken. The committee adjourned on Wednesday, when the matter will possibly reach a head.

The work of this committee is following out the suggestions made in the morning meeting, meeting in the New Willard Hotel, when Catholics, Protestants, and Jews met together and discussed the fact that the Bible is not taught to a greater extent in our public schools. Speeches were then made by Dr. McKim, Commissioner Macfarland, and Dr. Hale.

The outcome of the movement is watched with a great deal of interest by every church in the city.

PLATE ENGRAVERS GIVE THEIR ANNUAL BALL. The American Society of Plate Engravers gave its annual ball last night at the National Rifles' Armory, the dances lasting from 8 o'clock until midnight. The affair was pronounced by the most successful and delightful ever given by the society.

Union Outfitters to Men Co. Next Wednesday, March 1st, the Union Outfitters to Men Company will be ready for business at the new headquarters, 1000 West. The company has been organized and capitalized by men connected in latitude and commercial circles in the District. This company will sell only goods bearing the union label. Clothing, hats and caps, boots and shoes, men's underwear, shirts, collars and cuffs, and leather goods will be displayed in vast variety. C. A. Pfau, who has been identified with the union interest in the city and Baltimore for some time, will be the secretary and treasurer of the new organization, while L. E. Dyer, for a number of years a merchant of the store, will superintend the buying and the management of the clothing feature of the store.

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